

## **News Release**

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## **Results of Weekend Wild Horse Adoption In Pasco**

Thirty-five wild horses and five burros are settling into new homes tonight in the Tri-Cities area. The animals are among 48 that were available for adoption in Pasco this weekend at the Franklin County TRAC (Trade, Recreation, and Agriculture Center). The Wild Horse & Burro Adoption Event was sponsored by the Bureau of Land Management. An estimated 400 people attended the two-day event. Only eight animals of the 48 available for adoption were returned to the Oregon/Washington Wild Horse Corrals in Burns, Oregon.

All eight Kiger Mustangs were adopted, including the highest bid animal—a yearling stud for \$1,250. Eleven adopters took home animals for the base adoption fee of \$125, and seven adopters took two animals each.

Rick McComas, Wild Horse and Burro Specialist in the BLM Spokane office, said "We were glad to see so many people interested in adopting a wild horse or burro."

The BLM will hold a second adoption in the state on May 21-22, in Lynden, at the Northwest Washington Fairgrounds.

For application forms and details on adoption requirements and bidding procedures, contact the Spokane BLM, 1103 N. Fancher, Spokane, WA, or check their website at <a href="https://www.or.blm.gov/spokane/">www.or.blm.gov/spokane/</a>. For recorded information about the Lynden adoption, call Spokane BLM at 1-800-997-2022. Interested adopters can also call the Burns BLM office at (541) 573-4400 to make an appointment to adopt from the Burns BLM corral or to get more details on future adoptions. The BLM nationwide toll free number for Wild Horse & Burro information is 1-866-4MUSTANGS.